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was disclosed last night.

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By Robert Cortes Holliday

T'S a big old building, dark inside, the Washington Postoffice. -He looked like some sort of a guard about the premises who was too tired to stand up and so did his guarding sitting in a chair. My friend had got so accustomed to inquiring our way to the office of Secretary Hughes, and of Secretary Weeks, and so on, that he asked where we would find Secretary Hays.

The man looked at us very contemptously. "The postmaster general? at length he boomed. Well, he was on the fifth floor. As we stepped from the car my friend remarked on the practice universal in Washington of men removing their hats when in the presence of

women in elevators. Our appointment was for ten c'clock. We had got quite used, however, to waiting an hour or so for the gentlemen we sought to see. Several other callers were ahead of us here, and we sat down in the outer office when he had presented cards to a very kind and attentive young man who appeared

to be in charge. Within a very few minutes, however, we were ushered round into a secluded inner office. "The gen-eral," the young man said, "will eral," the young man said, "will be in in a moment. He sees them in two different rooms at the same This large room was entirely bare of painting or other

decorations. Speaking of decorations reminds me of the striking handsomeness of the Cabinet officers we had so far been seeing. Beginning with the President himself (prize winner of the lot in this respect) the spectacle of this Administration had up to this moment been a regular beauty show.

The physiognomy of Mr. Hays, of course, strikes a somewhat dif-ferent note in the picture. Though he is not, I should say, as funny looking as some of his pictures

HE fairly leaped into the room. Spidery figure. Calls you by your last name without the prefix of Mister. Very, very earnest in effect. No questions necessary to get him started. He began at once to talk. Poured forth a steady stream of rapid utterance. Denounced the idea of labor as a "commodity." Said: "We have a blg job here. Three hundred thousand employes. Millions of customers. It think we can do it all right, though. But our people in the department all over the country everywhere must be made to feel that a human spirit is behind them. It's because of the spirit behind them whether our men throw a letter on the floor before a door or put it through a door. Made a gesture with his hand illustrating putting a letter through a door. Looked very hard at the very clean top of his desk much of the time as he talked. Now and then looked very straight indeed at us. Gave us a generous amount of his

time. At length arose very briskly. Routed us out around through some side way. Had a private ele-vator concealed somewhere in a dark corner. Turned us over to the colored man in charge of it with the request, "Won't you please take my friends down?"

S we were crossing the street we A ran into our old friend from New York, who edits a very flourishing women's magazine. Down here, he said, to get an article from Mrs. Harding. Had found her altogether willing to supply him with an article, but in so much of a flutter with her new activities that she didn't see her way to finding time soon to write it. What, we asked, was the article to be about? Well, Mrs. Harding's idea was to revive all the

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old traditions of the White House. And what were those traditions? Mrs. Harding hadn't said beyond the custom of Easter egg-rolling.

We were on our way over to see Assistant Secretary of the Navy Roosevelt. He is not in the State, Army and Navy building where Mr. Denby is, but some ten minutes' walk away, in the long, rather fragile looking Navy Department building constructed during the war. Here numerous gold-braided of-

ficers continually come and go. The building is filled with very beauti-ful models of fighting ships. At one side of Roosevelt's door is a model of the San Diego, at the other side a "sample U. S. navy patrol, boat." As we gave him our cards a

young man asked us if we knew "the Colonel." An old Washington newspaper man had told us that morning, "He will go far under his own hat." Several very large men, also waiting, were smoking very large cigars while we waited While all male visitors to public

offices in Washington appear to smoke continually, those in govern-ment positions apparently do not smoke during office hours. And government business hours there seem to be queer. The Senate goes into session at just about lunch time. The President seems to be around in his business throughout the whole of the middle of the day. And the office of the Secretary of State telephones you at six o'clock Saturday night.

THE young man showed us in. Mr. Roosevelt arose from his desk, shook hands very cordially, said "How do you do?" sat down again and at the moment said nothing further. It was up to us to swing the conversation. So my friend launched out: We had nothing to do with affairs of state, had no design to interview him as to naval matters, simply were curious to see if we should find him eating. an apple and wearing white sox, or what. With hearty good nature, Mr. Roosevelt replied that he was

not eating an apple because he did not have one to eat, and that he had only once worn white sox, woolen ones, when a boy at school. He was very neatly dressed in a of quiet dark material, wore rich dark red tie, with a stickpin to it. Curiously weather beaten looking complexion. As he has just if he intended to carry on more or less of a literary career together with his public life. He said, well, perhaps more or less. But he wouldn't have time for much such work. He "practiced" writing on Saturdays and Sundays, but mainly for the purpose of attaining to clearness in expressing himself. He insisted that the great bulk of his father's writing had been done be-fore the full course of his political activities, and after he had retired

After we had arisen to go h us, with a somewhat arm in arm effect. Declared we should know a friend of his up in Boston, because him again any time when in Washington. Very affable young man. Wilson's new house. Handsome fronting directly on the sidewalk we decided that it looked somewhat more like a club than like a

WHY do august statesmen in the lobby of the New Willard cross their legs so that we can see that their shoes need to be half-

from them. walked up and down the room with we'd "like him." Said to look in on our names. Then (though what We went out on S street to see just our names could have meant to him I cannot see) shook hands enough structure, but, undetached from the building next door, and with immense friendliness, and told

private residence. Were told later that the part of that house to look at is the back of it, as there are wonderful gardens there. One cannot fail to note in the numerous art shops, where pictures of Harding, Roosevelt, Washington, Lincoln and Cleveland are displayed in abundance, the relative absence of pictures of Wilson.

> soled? Why do so many distinington wear their overcoats as though they were sleeweless capes? What on earth do so many Oklahoma looking characters do in Washington? Why is it that there the masses do not, as in New York and Chicago and Los Angeles, stroll about at night? We stopped in again at the execu-tive office of the White House. Remarkable number of doormen there got up somewhat like policemen, so that you repeatedly have to explain yourself all over again. Man new to us on today. Suspiciously asked

us his name. Quite a throng waiting. Busy hum all about. Different crowd

from usual. Hardly any reporters. Old gentlemen. Stout, red - faced fellows with large black slouch fellows with large hats. Several youngish women with very generous bosom displays. Some sort of a delegation, apparently. We did not make out just what. But the scene somewhat suggested a meeting of the Los Angeles branch of the Ohio Society. At length the company lines up. We trail in through with the rest. The President, looming in the center of his office, shakes hands with each caller in turn, in a manner of paternal affection. Holds your hand very gently within his for a considerable while. Rather odd position he takes when shaking hands. Right shoulder lifted. Looks (though I felt that he was unconscious of this effect) somewhat like a pose that a painter might put his model into when about

to paint him shaking hands. He bent over us in a very fatherly fashion. Said yes, yes, he had got our letters while in the South. Which was quite a mistake, as we hadn't written him any letters. But his kindly intenion was quite unmistakable.

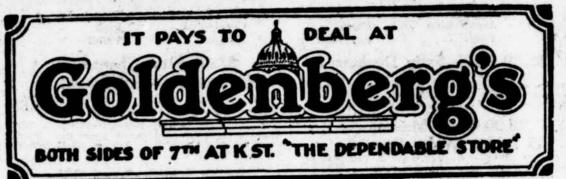
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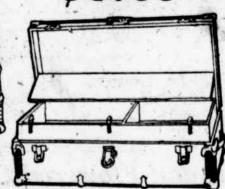
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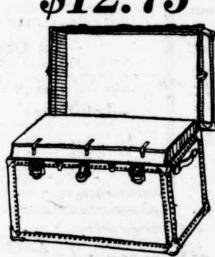
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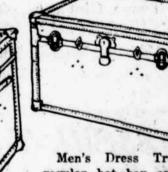
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